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WITH THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL REQUEST A BILATERAL MEETING FOR FOREIGN MINISTER VAYRYNEN WITH THE SECRETARY. THE FINNS VALUE HIGHLY THE OCCASIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR BILATERAL EXCHANGES OF VIEW BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE. WHILE THERE IS CURRENTLY SOME CONCERN IN THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT OVER SEVERAL BILATERAL TRADE QUESTIONS INVOLVING FINNISH EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD REFER TO SUCH QUESTIONS EXCEPT IN THE MOST GENERAL TERMS. RATHER, WE EXPECT THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AN OVERALL REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS WITH THE SECRETARY WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON US/SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY MEET WITH VAYRYNEN IF, AS WE EXPECT, THE FINNS SO REQUEST. HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND FINNISH OFFICIALS SERVE IMPORTANT US INTERESTS IN FINLAND: THEY OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLAIN DIRECTLY AND OFFICIALLY US VIEWPOINTS
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TO FINNISH REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE FREQUENT HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIET UNION; AND THEY DEMONSTRATE US INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED FINNISH INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY. THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER VAYRYNEN WERE NOT ABLE TO MEET DURING THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. THEY MET TWICE IN 1977: AT THE OECD MINISTERIAL IN JUNE

AND AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER.

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